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## Happy Diwali to all in the City of Milwaukee!

## Statement from Alderman Cavalier Johnson and Alderman Scott Spiker

Today we join with our fellow Milwaukeeans to celebrate Diwali, also known as the Festival of Lights. Celebrated by members of the Hindu, Sikh and Jain faiths, Diwali is a five-day festival that gets its name from the row of clay lamps that people in India and elsewhere light outside their homes to symbolize the victory of light over darkness—good over evil.

For all of us, Diwali is an opportunity to celebrate our differences, our diversity, and to promote inclusion to help us build stronger and more vibrant communities. We also recognize the important contributions that Milwaukeeans of Hindu, Sikh and Jain faiths make to help us build a better, stronger and more inclusive city.

It is our sincere hope that Diwali may bring universal compassion and the inner joy of knowing peace and unity to all.